

Amendments to the Drawings

The replacement sheets of drawings attached hereto as **Exhibit A** include changes to, and replace, Figures 5 and 10 of the original sheets of drawings.

The changes in Fig. 5 are as follows:

- label " $I(x_1, y_1, t_1)$ " (each instance) has been changed to " $I(x_1, y_1, z_1, t_1)$ ";
- label " $I(x_1, y_1, t_2)$ " (each instance) has been changed to " $I(x_1, y_1, z_1, t_2)$ ";
- label " $I(x_1, y_1, t_n)$ " (each instance) has been changed to " $I(x_1, y_1, z_1, t_n)$ ";
- label "71" has been changed to "61";
- label "72" has been changed to "62";
- label "73" has been changed to "63";
- label "74" has been changed to "64";
- label "75" has been changed to "65";
- label " $I(x, y, t_1)$ " has been changed to " $I(x, y, z, t_1)$ ";
- label " $I(x, y, t_2)$ " has been changed to " $I(x, y, z, t_2)$ ";
- label " $I(x, y, t_n)$ " has been changed to " $I(x, y, z, t_n)$ ";
- label " $MXI(x_1, y_1)$ " has been changed to " $MXI(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ ";
- label " $MXI(x, y)$ " has been changed to " $MXI(x, y, z)$ "; and
- label " $I(x, y, t)$ " has been changed to " $I(x, y, z, t)$ ".

Support for the changes to Fig. 5 can be found in the corresponding discussion in the specification, including at page 19, line 5 through page 20, line 23.

In Fig. 10, label " $MI(x_1, y_1)$ " has been changed to " $fl(x_1, y_1)$ ".

Support for the changes to Figures 5 and 10 can be found in Figs. 5 and 10, respectively, of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/016537 of which this application is a U.S. national stage.

Attachment: replacement sheets of drawings for Figures 5 and 10

REMARKS

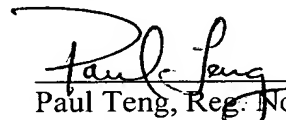
This application is a U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/016537. The subject U.S. national stage application as filed on May 12, 2006 included an English translation of the international application. Figures 5 and 10 of the English translation included clerical errors.

By this Preliminary Amendment, Figures 5 and 10 have been amended to reflect Figs. 5 and 10 of the international application. No new subject matter has been introduced by the drawing amendments. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is requested.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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